

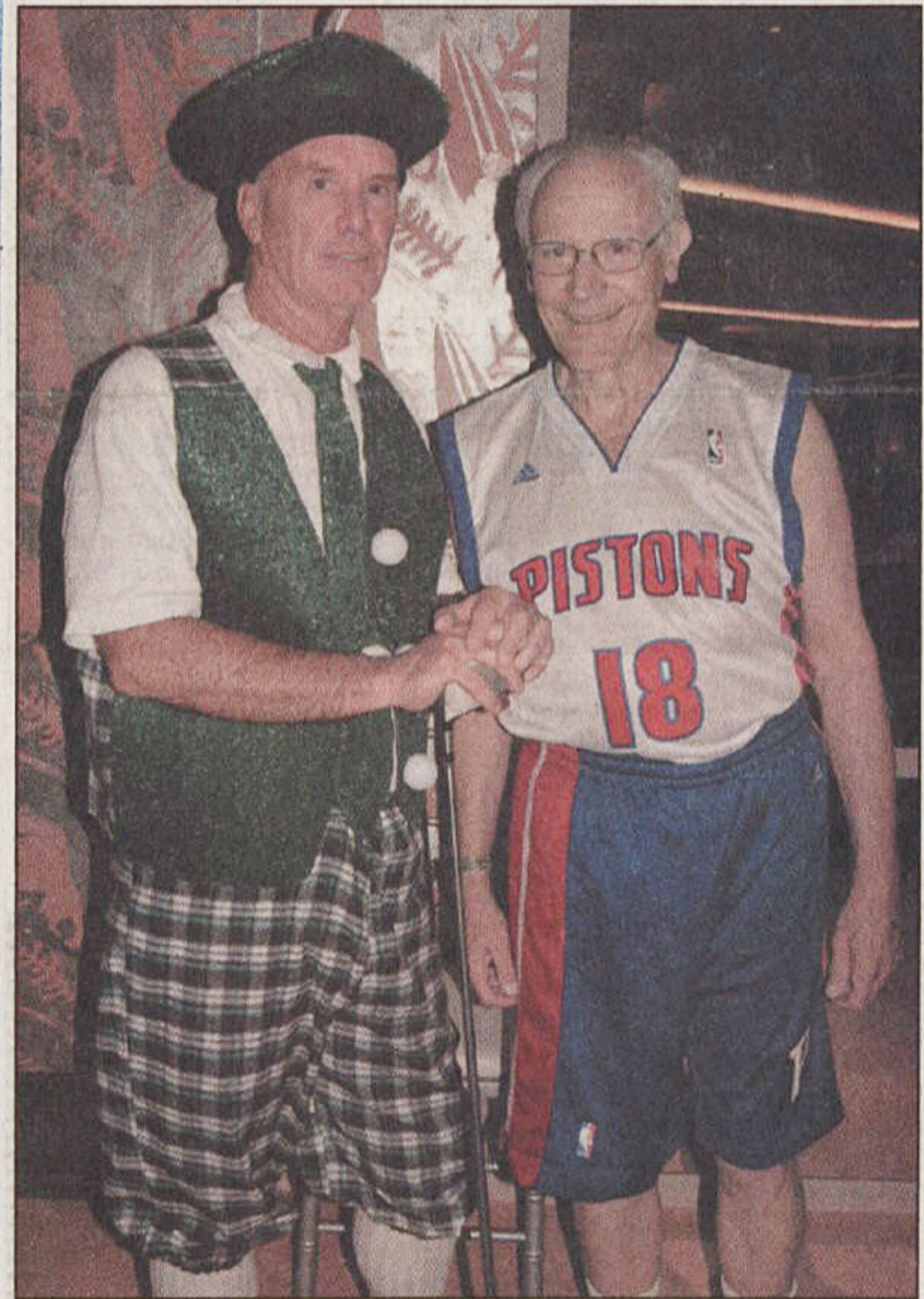
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# On the Town

## CHUCK SLOSSER RETIRES



Stephanie and Chuck Slosser, who was honored and roasted upon his retirement after 18 years as president and CEO of the nonprofit Santa Barbara Foundation. His leadership brought the foundation from \$30 million in assets to \$300 million.



From left, Tom Parker and Michael Towbes, good sports in appropriate costumes, were roasters for Chuck Slosser's retirement party. They accused the honoree of planning to spend the rest of his life playing golf and basketball while his wife dreamed of travel.

# Santa Barbara Foundation

**I**t was an "I don't get no respect" kind of evening with a roast and toast for **Chuck Slosser**, president and CEO of Santa Barbara Foundation for 18 years. The irreverent retirement send-off was a true sign of the depth of respect, admiration and love the community feels for him.

The dinner party at the Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara's Coral Casino was the scene of fun and jokes for this outstanding fund developer, recognized across our state. His leadership has brought the assets of the foundation from \$30 million when he took office to \$300 million. The donations to the greater community amount to \$26 million a year. But that is not his only contribution. Chuck Slosser has been a leader in encouraging nonprofits to work collaboratively to reduce duplication of services.

When Chuck first started the job as president of the foundation, he created the Foundation Roundtable to seek advice from other foundations. The Roundtable continues to meet monthly. Beyond Santa Barbara County, he helped organize the League of California Community Foundations; the league sent **Jim Canales** of the Irvine Foundation to the event and he gave the only serious speech of the evening, honoring Chuck's work across the nation.

From that point on there were the presenters whose speeches were all in fun: **Robert Emmons**, board chairman, **Joanne Rapp**, trustee emeritus, and **Bill Cirone**.

"The Duffers," **Michael Towbes**, dressed as a basketball player, and **Tom Parker** of the Hutton Foundation, as a dour Scotsman golfer, made fun of Chuck's longing to spend his time playing basketball and golf. They presented him with a basketball and golf club.

A wonderfully funny video presentation, created by Dajen Productions, was almost a cartoon — wife **Stephanie** discussed travel plans while a cartoonist's balloon over Chuck's head showed him thinking of golf.

Trustee **Patty Bliss** and staff **Suzanne Farwell** were dinner chairs, arranging Italian wines and limoncello for toasting in recognition of Chuck and Stephanie's love of Tuscany.

Among supporters at the retirement dinner were: **Paul and Natalie Orfalea**, **Gregg Hackethal** and **Penny Jenkins**, **Carol and Bill Palladini**, **Jim and Shirley Ann Hurley**, **Palmer and Joan Jackson**, **Raye Haskell**, **Cliff and Juliette Sponsel**, **Irma and Morrie Jurkowitz**, **Robert Kooyman**, **Patricia and Alan Griffin**, **Beverlie and Dr. Ron Latimer**, **Ron and Mary Werft**, **Peter MacDougall**, **John and Debbie Mackall**, **Gerald and Claire Parent**, **Jim Rivera**, **Richard and Maryan Schall**, **Ernesto and Jenifer Paredes**, **Harris and Ann Seed**, **Joan Livingston**, **George Thurlow** and wife **Denise Eschardies**, **Leni Fe Bland**, **Barry and Jean Schuyler**, and **Jo Beth Van Gelderen**.